

# MUNICH '72 AND BEYOND

1 x 45 HD



PBS®

INTERNATIONAL

# MUNICH '72 AND BEYOND

1 x 45 HD

---

## CONTACT

Tom Koch, Vice President  
PBS International  
10 Guest Street  
Boston, MA 02135 USA

TEL: 617-300-3893  
FAX: 617-779-7900

jtkoch@pbs.org  
pbsinternational.org

On September 5, 1972, Palestinian extremists infiltrated the athletes' dorms at the Munich Summer Olympics, ultimately killing eleven Israeli athletes and setting off an international crisis that continues to raise controversy more than 40 years later. With new revelations and emotional interviews, *Munich '72 and Beyond* revisits that tragic day and incorporates new interviews with Israelis and Palestinians, surviving family members, eyewitnesses, Olympic authorities and government officials.

In 1972, the Olympic Games returned to German soil in Munich for the first time since the infamous 1936 Olympics in Berlin where Hitler showcased Nazi ideals. Midway through the second week of the Games, eight members of the radical Palestinian group Black September crept into the athletes' dorms and took eleven hostages. An estimated one billion people worldwide watched the 23-hour ordeal, as the terrorists demanded the release of 234 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails, threatening to kill one hostage per hour until their demands were met.

Ultimately, violence erupted. When the gunfire stopped, all eleven of the Israeli Olympians had been lost. The ensuing shootout also left five of the Palestinian terrorists and one German officer dead. These facts have been accepted as the whole truth, but *Munich '72 and Beyond* delves deeper into the tragedy, calling attention to details forgotten, ignored or obscured for more than 40 years.

*Munich '72 and Beyond* culminates with a look at plans for a memorial on the grounds of the Munich Olympic Stadium honoring those who lost their lives that tragic day. The memorial also represents the 43-year struggle by the affected families to establish a specific remembrance of the event.

---

160778

## CREDITS

*Director, Writer:* Stephen Crisman

*Producers:* Dr. Steven Ungerleider, David Ulich

*Executive Producers:* Stephen Crisman, Michael Cascio

*Images:* International Olympic Committee/Olympic TV Archive Bureau;  
Blood Splatter: Shutterstock/Alexey Pushkin; Burnt Edges: Shutterstock



PBS

INTERNATIONAL